Doubling of Asansol-Damodar Railway Line

2916. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asansol-Damodar section of South-Eastern Railway requires doubling of the track;

(b) if so, whether the Government have prepared any plan to that effect; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Bridge on Asansol-Damodar Section

2917. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overhead bridge on Asansol-Damodar Section of South Eastern Railway constituting a section of G.T. Road needs immediate improvement and widening;

(b) if so, whether the Government have evolved any plan in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposal for construction of a new 2 lane road-overbridge with footpaths, in replacement of the existing road-overbridge on G.T. Road at Asansol, is at present in an advanced stage of planning jointly with the State Government. The work will be included in the Railways' Works Programme, only after the State Government accepts the detailed estimate for the work and consents to share the cost, as per rules.

(c) Does not arise.

Coal Supply to Power Project and number of Coal Washeries

2918. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the present stock of non-coking coal with the Coal India Ltd. and the Singareni Collieries with corresponding figure for the last year;

(b) the demand for coal in the power sector during the last 12 months and the quantities actually supplied;

(c) whether the ash content in the coal supplied to the power sector is on the increase;

(d) if so, the average ash content in the coal; and

(e) the number of existing coal washeries in the country and the details of plan to set up new washeries during the next five years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The information is given below: